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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAO PAULO 1152

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SUBJECT: CONTINUED SECURITY RELATED INCIDENTS

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BEGIN SUMMARY: SINCE THE TRANSMITTAL OF THE REFERENCED CABLE, TWO CARS, POSSIBLY ON CASING MISSIONS, WERE OBSERVED CRUISING NEAR THE APARTMENT OF CONSUL JAMES N. LAWLER. TWO OTHER CONSULATE OFFICERS RECEIVED SUSPICIOUS TELEPHONE CALLS, AND TWO INCIDENTS OCCURRED AT INSTALLATIONS OF MOBIL OIL DO BRASIL. END SUMMARY

1. AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE FOLLOWING THE FIRE BOMBING INCIDENT AT THE RESIDENCE OF CONSUL JAMES N. LAWLER ON THE AFTER-NOON ON MAY 18, MR. LAWLER AND HIS WIFE MOVED INTO A VACANT APARTMENT NEAR THE CONSULATE FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY THE CONSUL GENERAL' S SECRETARY. SECURITY GUARDS POSTED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE APARTMENT BUILDING REPORTED THAT DURING THE EVENING OF MAY 22 TWO CARS ONE OF THEM OCCUPIED BY THREE SUSPICIOUS LOOKING MEN AND THE OTHER ONLY BY THE DRIVER, REPEATEDLY DROVE
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BY THE BUILDING AS THOUGH THEY WERE ON A CASING MISSION. THE GUARDS NOTIFIED DEOPS HEADQUARTERS TO REQUEST REINFORCEMENTS IN AN ATTEMPT TO STOP THE SUSPECTED CARS AND QUESTION THEIR OCCUPANTS. THE CAR WITH ONLY THE DRIVER WAS STOPPED AND THE DRIVER WAS ABLE TO EXPLAIN HIS PRESENCE IN THE AREA TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE SECURITY OFFICERS. THE OTHER CAR COULD NOT BE LOCATED. THE SAME CARS WERE NOTED IN THE AREA EARLY MAY 23. MR. LAWLER AND HIS WIFE DEPARTED BY AIR FOR THE US ON THE EVENING OF MAY 23.

2. ALSO ON THE EVENING OF MAY 22 TWO TELEPHONE CALLS WERE RECEIVED AT THE HOME OF BPAO MRS. KATHARINE RAY. MRS. RAY WAS OUT ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS AT THE TIME. THE MAID REPORTED THAT TWO CALLS WERE RECEIVED, ONE AT 9:00 P. M. AND THE OTHER AT 9:30 P. M. EACH TIME THAT THE MAID ANSWERED THE PHONE THE CALLER DID NOT SPEAK AND HUNG UP SOON AFTER THE MAID ASKED WHO WAS CALLING.

3. AT 8:00 P.. ON MAY 24 AN UNIDENTIFIED PERSON TELEPHONED THE HOME OF THE DUTY OFFICER AND TRIED VERY HARD TO OBTAIN THE DUTY OFFICER' S NAME. WHEN THE DUTY OFFICER ASKED THE CALLER, APPARENTLY A YOUNG WOMAN, TO IDENTIFY HERSELF, SHE WOULD ONLY SAY THAT SHE WAS A STUDENT. WE BELIEVE THAT THE CALLER OBTAINED THE DUTY OFFICER' S TELEPHONE NUMBER THROUGH THE RECORDING DEVICE AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL AND THAT IT WAS PROBABLY THROUGH THE SAME MEANS THAT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CONSUL JAMES N. LAWLER WAS OBTAINED.

4. ON THE MORNING OF MAY 24 MR. WELTON CARLOS DE CASTRO, ASSISTANT IN CHARGE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR MOBIL OIL DO BRASIL, CALLED THE CONSULATE GENERAL TO REPORT THE FOLLOWING INCIDENTS AND TO ASK FOR POINTERS ON SECURITY: (A) LAST FRIDAY, MAY 18, AT ABOUT 3:15 P. M., THE MOBIL PHONE OPERATOR TOOK A CALL FROM A MALE VOICE SPEAKING PORTUGUESE WITH A FOREIGN, POSSIBLY GERMAN ACCENT. THE CALLER WARNED THAT A BOMB WOULD GO OFF SOMEWHERE IN THE MOBIL OFFICES AT 4:00 P. M. THE SAME DAY. DEOPS WAS CALLED. THEY ARRIVED ABOUT 3:55 P. M. AND WHILE SEARCHING THE MOBIL FLOORS OF THE BUILDING, THE TENANTS IN THE SAME BUILDING RECEIVED IDENTICAL CALLS WARNING OF BOMBS. THE POLICE SEARCH OF ALL FLOORS WAS NEGATIVE; (B) BETWEEN MAY 21 AND MAY 22 THE FOLLOWING INCIDENT TOOK PLACE AT THE MOBIL WAREHOUSE. AT 9:00 P. M. A PHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED BY CONFIDENTIAL

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